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House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-3902

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$707,000 in funding for general equipment and technology upgrades for the Coventry, Rhode Island Police Department in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Coventry, Rhode Island located at 1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI 02816 to administer to the police department.

The funding would be used to upgrade critical equipment and technology for the department including the following: a K9 vehicle outfitted with special equipment for handler and dog safety, two unarmored command vehicles, upgraded server capacity for record keeping and network storage, new portable radios for the department's officers, and a mobile command emergency response trailer and pickup truck for transport. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the department serves approximately 35,000 residents and has a need to respond effectively and efficiently to community disasters, crisis incidents, and routine calls for assistance in order to provide the best service for the best possible outcome available.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes consistent with section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress